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SUBJECT: US-FRG STUDY OF PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS

1. ON 7-8 JULY, AN FRG TEAM AND A US TEAM MET IN THE PENTAGON FOR THE FIRST WORKING SESSION OF THE BILATERAL US/FRG PGM STUDY. THIS STUDY WAS CONCEIVED AND DIRECTED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND MINISTER LEBER DURING THEIR MEETING IN BONN 28 SEPTEMBER 1975. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO DETERMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF PGM'S ON STRATEGY, TACTICS AND FORCE STRUCTURE IN THE 1990'S. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE STUDY WOULD BE A US/FRG BILATERAL EFFORT UNTIL THE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM AND THE INITIAL ANALYSES WERE DEVELOPED.

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WHEN THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO

BRINGING THE UK INTO THE STUDY AND EVENTUALLY TRANSFERRING THE WORK TO APPROPRIATE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT MENTION THIS STUDY EFFORT TO ANY ALLIES EXCEPT THE FRG.

2. FROM INITIATION OF THE STUDY EFFORT TO DATE (WHILE AWAITING COMPLETION OF THE NPG STUDY OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES) BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING TERMS OF REFERENCE, ASSUMPTIONS, SCENARIOS AND SUBJECTS FOR INITIAL STAFF STUDIES.

3. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF US/FRG WORKING GROUPS INCLUDED: NEW TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE BY 1990 (THE NPG STUDY CONSIDERED TECHNOLOGIES THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE BY 1985); THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO COMBINE SENSORS, COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE INITIAL ECHELON OF ATTACKING ARMOR, ITS SUPPORTING ARTILLERY, AND SECOND ECHELON REINFORCING ARMOR. BOTH SIDES ARE CONTINUING WORK IN THIS AREA AND WILL EXCHANGE DATA IN THE COMING WEEKS.

4. THE SECOND MEETING OF US/FRG REPRESENTATIVES IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER IN THE FRG.

5. FRG REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

- BG SCHUWIRTH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, MOD
- MR. NERLICH, FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND POLITICS
- MR. SCHROETER, OPERATIONS RESEARCH
- MR KARDELS, OPERATIONS RESEARCH
- DR. SOEHN, DIRECTOR, ARMAMENT PLANNING DIVISION, MOD
- COL (GS) PHILIPP, DIRECTOR, FU S 111 2, MOD
- COL (GS) DR. VON OER, PLANNING STAFF
- LTCOL (GS) GAASLER, AGENCY FOR STUDIES AND EXERCISES
- OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES
- LTCOL (GS) DR. LANUSCHNY, ARMY STAFF, MOD
- LTCOL (GS) BRUNKE, AIR STAFF, PLANNING, MOD
- MAJOR (GS) WIEGNER, SECRETARY, FU S 111 2 (SECRETARY)
- MOD

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6. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STEERING GROUP FOR THIS EFFORT INCLUDES:

- MAJGEN BOWMAN, OSD/ISA, CHAIRMAN
- BG YOUREE, JOINT STAFF
- BG LENNON, ARMY
- R/ADM STOCKDALE, NAVY
- BG DONNELLY, AIR FORCE

-- MAJGEN NEW, MARINE CORPS

7. THE US ALSO HAS THE INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSIS
PARTICIPATING UNDER CONTRACT. THE IDA PROJECT LEADER IS
DR. DAVID T. SIGNORI, JR.

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